



Whilst were fishing, the young man that rowed us thither, espying a cleft in the rock, through which he saw a light, had a mind to see what was at the other side; so put off his cloaths in order to wade to it: Thus, having taken the hitcher of the boat, he gropes along for sure footing.

Being come to the cleft, he creeps through, and in a short time returns, calling to us, Gentlemen! said he, I have made a discovery of a new land, and the finest that the sun ever shone on: Leave off your fishing, you will find here much better business. Having by that time caught a very handsome dish of fish, we put up our tackling, fastened the boat to the rock, and went to see this new-found land.

Being come at the other side of the rock, we saw, as he said, a most delightful country, but despaired to get to it, there being a lake about a mile long at the bottom of the rock, which parted it from the land; for neither *Alvarado* nor myself could swim; but the young fellow, who could, having leaped into the water, finding it all the way but breast high, we went in also, and waded to the other side, which ascended gently, about five or six feet from the lake to a most pleasant land, flat and level, covered with